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FORMAL RESPONSE

Re: Application Serial No. 10/642,978
Attorney Docket No. 97-558-C1
Applicants: WALKER et al.
Titled: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING THE PLAY OF FRACTIONAL
LOTTERY TICKETS UTILIZING POINT-OF-SALE TERMINALS "

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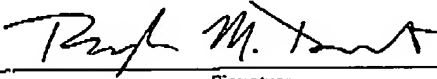
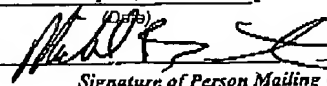
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Application No. 10/642,978	Filing Date August 18, 2003	Examiner Gerald J. O'CONNOR	Customer No. 22927	Group Art Unit 3627	Confirmation No. 3402
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING THE PLAY OF FRACTIONAL LOTTERY TICKETS UTILIZING POINT-OF-SALE TERMINALS					
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
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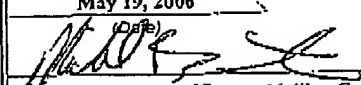

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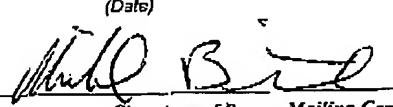
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